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# NEW! WHC Roundup Program!

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#### **WHC Mission Statement**

To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.

#### **WHC Vision Statement**

To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

The Wisconsin Horse Council has created a new program to follow through with its mission and vision statements of supporting the equine industry in Wisconsin. We have developed this new program to hopefully help route more business to our participating business members, and in the process, those that participate will have a chance to win fantastic prizes!

The program contest will begin May 1, 2024, and you must be a WHC Level I Member in order to participate.

Please visit the WHC's Booth C 78-79 at the Midwest Horse Fair on April 19, 20 and 21, 2024, to hear more about this program and to pick up the necessary materials in order to participate.

Have we piqued your interest yet?



We will be posting the program details on the WHC website, www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org and on the WHC's Facebook page soon, so please watch for more updates on this exciting new program!

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# **WHC Vision Statement**

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# **ATTENTION!**

Tear out pages 29 & 30 to fold as a handy brochure to keep or to share!
This month's featured brochure is "What Is the WHC All About".

Membership in the Wisconsin Horse Council is open to individuals, associations, businesses, societies, or other entities whose interests are in line with the WHC's purpose and Mission Statement. Our membership year follows the calendar year. Members will receive a free e-newsletter and the option to purchase a printed newsletter where FREE classified ads can be placed and business card, 1/4, 1/2 and full page ads can be purchased as well. The newsletter reaches 500+ horse enthusiasts.

The WHC currently sends out six issues per year.

The WHC employs a professional lobbyist who works with us on pending legislation as needed for the equine industry. We continue to work on adding new benefits for our members. Please feel free to contact us with your comments or suggestions. Thank you!





# Welcome to the Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation

The bond between an equestrian and their equine is an experience worth cherishing; we are dedicated to strengthening this bond and enriching the equestrian experience in Wisconsin through education, research, charity, and scholarship.

Visit our website www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org – Go to the WSHCEF tab at the top of the page

# What is the mission statement of the WSHC Equine Foundation?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. The Foundation is a tax exempt, non-profit 501(c) (3) organization and as such allows individuals to make tax-deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

The mission of the Equine Foundation is to support Wisconsin's expanding equestrian community by funding:

- ....Educational Initiatives
- ....Equine Research
- ....Trail Development
- ....Youth Scholarship and Participation

# What is our relationship with the Wisconsin State Horse Council?

The Wisconsin State Horse Council is our parent organization and the sole member of the WSHC Equine Foundation. WHC Board of Directors are elected to serve on the WSHC Equine Foundation Board of Directors, along with non-WHC individuals. The WHC was incorporated in 1972 as an advocate for the equine owners and industry in the State of Wisconsin. It has grown to become the focus of the equine industry in Wisconsin.

The Mission Statement of the Wisconsin Horse Council is: To represent and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin. To promote the horse through leadership, education, service and communications, and to take a proactive role in the future growth and development of the equine industry in the State of Wisconsin.

WSHC Equine Foundation is a federally approved 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to the advancement of equine activities and the equine industry in general.

The Foundation's main objectives are to promote education, research and development, charity, and scholarship opportunities for equestrians in Wisconsin.

### WSHCEF Officers, Board Members & Volunteer Committee Members

#### **Officers**

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President: James Harris
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# **WHC Annual Award Winners for 2024**

# **Lifetime Achievement Award – Lee Sackett**

Lee Sackett has been involved with the horse world for more than 50 years. Lee started his horse life growing up in California and then on to Idaho. As a truck driver in the early nineties, he found himself in Wisconsin where he met his future wife, Diane. Their common interest brought them together and he started riding and training horses again.

Lee has been involved in many equine groups and activities including being a WHC Judge, conducting 4H clinics, member of several local horse associations, MWHF board for several years, involved in WHC for nearly 30 years as president and on many committees. He has been a delegate to the American Horse Council for about twenty years as well. The list goes on and on.



Congratulations to Lee Sackett as the 2024 recipient of the WHC Lifetime Achievement Award!



# <u>WHC Director of the Year Award –</u> Kricket Jewett

The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to take this opportunity to recognize Kricket Jewett as the Director of the Year award recipient.

Kricket is a lifetime horseperson and a long-time member of the Walking Horse Association.

Kricket is the chairperson of the Sponsorship Committee, co-chair of the Trails Committee, and represents equestrians on the Wisconsin State Trails Council.

Kricket is well organized and puts a large amount of time and effort into dealing with Equestrian issues throughout the state of Wisconsin while working with other committees.

The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to congratulate Kricket Jewett on being the 2024 Director of the Year recipient!

# **WHC Annual Award Winners for 2024**

## Horseperson of the Year Award - Karen Klein

Karen Klein has dedicated her life to the horse world in many ways. She is a board member of the Friends of Hartman Creek. Karen is actively involved in monitoring the trails, so they are safe, working with the park to increase the number of trails and ensure conservation of the land. She also worked with the Wisconsin Horse Council to receive a grant for additions to the park including safer mounting blocks.

Karen has been a long-time owner of Fjord horses. She shares her knowledge of the Fjords and other breeds with others. She can be seen often riding the trails on her trusty Fjord, Sander.

The Wisconsin Horse Council would like to congratulate

Karen Klein as the 2024 Horse Person of the Year recipient. Congratulations Karen!



# **Equine of the Year Award – Gallio**

How does one begin to explain the impact an equine can have on a person's life. Artifacts Gallant Ghost, better known as Gallio is the perfect example of that. The Gorman's daughter Jessica has Paraventricular Leukomalacia which impacts motor skills and speech. The Gorman family had heard what an impact horses have on those with disabilities, so they felt the need to find Jessica that perfect horse. Stacey Gorman best describes Gallio as a 16.3 hand solid Paint with quite the attitude.

Gallio has been the main reason for Jessica's major improvement in motor skills and speech. They have been on cattle drives, trail rides, and show at open pleasure shows with much success. Jessica and Gallio also show in Dressage and train under Jessica

Baumler. The Gorman family feel that Gallio has provided growth and accomplishments that they never imagined were possible.

Congratulations to Jessica Gorman and Artifacts Gallant Ghost the 2024 Equine of the Year Award recipient!

# Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation's "Winter Fun Day" 2024

# By Diane Sackett, WSHCEF Secretary



"Winter Fun Day" 2024, is being called the "no snow fun day"! This year the weather cooperated, if we put a spin on it. While we always want perfect snow and perfect temps, we didn't quite get it. At least we knew far enough in advance that we could adapt to the no snow and make plans that would allow "Winter Fun Day" 2024 to continue! Our spin went to wheels instead of runners on the bobsled and sleighs. The event

has been held at the beautiful Springbrook Events near Burnett since 2019.

Wagon loads of thanks to all who came to enjoy the day for some winter fun. The people who came to see what we do, the teams of horses that pulled the wagons, all the horses/mules/minis that pulled carts, the sled dogs, the trick roper, the musician performer, the famous race horse, the vendors, face painting, the model horse show participants, and those that worked at the Sleigh Bell Cafe.....we thank you all!





Our volunteers are a small team that provides all of the organization and prep for this event, but we also have a lot of people that come and help to make the day of the event a success. Thank you to everyone who gives of their time and talents to make this a great event!

### Here are some interesting stats from the 2024 event:

- \* the model horse show had about 50 exhibitors from 8 states this year. They bring thousands of models to show and compete for awards.
- \* the horses/sleighs (carts this year) come from far and near. Some from the same town of Burnett, and some from almost the northern edge of Wisconsin.



- \* 3 teams of BIG horses took turns pulling wagons with people around the grounds.
- \* we have volunteers from 5 miles to 150 miles away that come and help make this event happen.
- \* we have some of the best businesses that support "Winter Fun Day", and provide many parts and pieces that contribute to a great day!

Look for our "Winter Fun Day" 2025, which is scheduled for the second Saturday in February...we hope to see you there!

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The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation would like to thank these businesses for their sponsorship and support for the "Winter Fun Day" event...THANK YOU!









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# **Wisconsin Horse Council**

Proudly Presents The

Midwest Horse Fair



# MISS RODEO WISCONSIN

Tori Boyea will be at the WHC booth to visit and get autographs.



Do you like tack shopping?

# JOIN THE WHC ROUNDUP TO WIN PRIZES

Come to booth for details and get your map.



# FREE YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

And New Youth Programs And Activities

Back by
popular demand
"SPIN THE
WHEEL"
PRIZES FOR
EVERYONE



# Our Vision

To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry

#### Our Mission

To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication

THE MIDWEST HORSE FAIR® owned by the Wisconsin Horse Council which uses the profits from its Fair to support the growth and development of Wisconsin's equine industry.

- Scholarships
- Sponsorships
- Certified Judges Program
- Legislation Watchdog
- Ride Wisconsin
- Trail Grants
- Trail Building School
- SHC Equine Foundation 501(c)3
- Seguine Of The Year
- Horseperson Of The Year
- Judge Of The Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

# Become A WHC Member Today!)

Check out our website for discounts, insurance and other benefits of becoming a member, or stop by our booth at the MHF in the Coliseum.

Visit Booth C 78-79 (Coliseum) • WisconsinHorseCouncil.org

920-623-0393 | Find us on Facebook



# **WHC Scholarship Recipients for 2024**

The Wisconsin Horse Council proudly offers the WHC Scholarship Program each year, and the recipients receive their scholarships during a presentation ceremony at the Midwest Horse Fair.

The Wisconsin Horse Council has given out more than \$142,950 since 1995!!!

The Wisconsin Horse Council is pleased to announce the WHC Scholarship recipients for 2024!



<u>Elaina Brier</u>, from Radisson, WI will be attending the University of Wisconsin River Falls to study Equine Science and Agriculture Education.





Emily Rae Pla, from Birnamwood, WI will be attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to study Equine Chiropractic.



<u>Josie Laue</u>, from Richland Center, WI will be attending South Dakota State University to study Agriculture Business.





Madelynn Bernau, from Waterford, WI will be attending University of Wisconsin School of Veterinary Medicine to study Equine Veterinary Medicine.

The Wisconsin Horse Council awards scholarships to eligible applicants each year in amounts of \$100-\$5000. To learn more about eligibility for this program, visit the Wisconsin Horse Council website (www.wisconsinhorsecouncil.org/programs)

We wish all of our award winners continued luck in their educational experience!

# "Happy Trails" at Governor Dodge State Park

"If you climb in the saddle, be ready for the ride!" anonymous

The ride, in this case, begins any time after the trails open on May 1 at Governor Dodge State Park. And be ready, not only to ride approximately 25 miles of gorgeous unglaciated landscape, but for some other trail highlights as well.

Riding along the 15-mile exterior Driftless Trail you will find a hitching post and mounting block across from Stephens Falls where you can tie up your mount and take a short hike to the waterfall and spring house. Further down the trail make a stop across from the park office where you'll find a hitching rail, mounting block and picnic table. Maybe enjoy a snack there and visit the interpretive displays in the office and use the flush toilets. Between these two stops lies the Stable Loop, a connection to the scenic and horse-friendly 2.5-mile Uplands Trail.





On the south end of the Driftless Trail, the Friends of Governor Dodge, with help from park staff and a WI Horse Council grant, have created a peaceful rest area in a deeply shaded Maple Grove. Stretch your legs and take advantage of the hitching posts, picnic tables and mounting block. On the trail back north, you will have an exciting ride atop the Twin Valley Lake Dam. Look for eagles on both sides of this superb high point.





Ride the entire Driftless Trail loop or make one of these stops your destination – either way, you won't be disappointed.

There are several ways for riders to enjoy the shorter interior loop trails at Governor Dodge. One of the favorites is to ride out of the trailhead at new Equestrian Campground and head southwest on the Driftless Trail (back towards park entrance) Every time you have the opportunity to turn on a trail marked for horses, GO LEFT! This will put you on the Goldmine Trail, The Meadow Valley Trail and the connector trail back to Horse Camp. You will encounter 3 bridges with 1 or 2 offering stream crossing options. A great schooling opportunity for your horse! Total trail miles approximately 4.5.





Another favorite short ride is to head northeast on the Driftless Trail leaving the Equestrian campground (away from the park entrance) Turn RIGHT at every trail marked for horses. In the beginning you will pass the colorful and active group campsites giving your horse the opportunity to see tents of all shapes and sizes. Then you will ascend a long, wooded hill with beautiful rock walls to the northernmost point of Governor Dodge. This is Pleasant Ridge and if your goal is the nearby tavern/restaurant, take the unmarked spur trail to the left to exit the park.





Otherwise keep turning RIGHT to eventually reach the Old Orchard Pass Trail. Along Old Orchard Pass you will come to a breathtaking view of Twin Valley Lake below. As you pause at the bench to admire the vista, be sure to dismount and take turns walking (without horses) just a few feet into the woods behind you. There, quietly hidden, lies a settlers cemetery brimming with history. Turn RIGHT on the nearby spur trail to head back to horse camp. Total trail miles approximately 4.4





Here is one last short trail suggestion. Park at the "Trails End" trailhead (formerly the old Horse Campground) near the amphitheater. Cross the road on your horse to head north on the only marked horse trail out of the area. Continue to take RIGHT TURNS at every legit horse trail and in just over a mile you will be at the parking lot of Cox Hollow Beach. Tie your horse at a hitching post and head to the concession stand for a huge ice cream cone and a Friends fundraiser bandana printed with the park trail map. When you leave the parking lot area continue along the Meadow Valley Trail to the east but switch to taking EVERY LEFT TURN POSSIBLE FOR HORSES. This will keep you on the Meadow Valley Trail back to the (old campground) Trails End Trailhead. Total trail miles approximately 6.





# Roy Rogers sings:

"It's the way you ride the trail that counts.....here's a happy one for you!"

There are so many great riding options at Governor Dodge. The Friends hope that knowing a little more about our magnificent destination will make your trail experience a happy one. Please be sure to join us for our "Happy Trails" Fundraiser on June 2, 2024. Ride or hike, play a unique version of Scrabble, enjoy lunch, and get a cool T-shirt. For more information and to register, visit www.GovDodgeEquestrians.com/

Prior to the fundraiser, on Friday, May 3, we will have a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Picnic Shelter located the equestrian campground gathering area and adjacent to the Driftless Trail. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this project possible, including the WI Horse Council Trails Committee. Look for details on our website or find us on Facebook and plan to attend. Happy Trails!



# SAVE THE DATE!

August 17 & 18th, 2024

# LANGLADE COUNTY'S "GOOD-TIME" TRAIL RIDE & SCAVENGER HUNT

Explore premier Northwoods trails at the Crocker Hills Recreation Area Make an early reservation and save - space is limited!

### Featuring:

- Scavenger Hunt
- Obstacle Course Challenge
- Added cash and prizes
- Guided "Tour of the Lake"
- Vendors & games for the whole family!

Presented by Black Hawk Hill Horse Park, Inc.

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES: COWGIRLS FOR AGRICULTURE SPORTS EDUCATION (CASE)





# The Wisconsin Horse Council Proudly Presents

# "Free Youth Membership Program"

The Wisconsin Horse Council is implementing a new "Free Youth Membership Program"!

#### Here are the requirements:

- \*Youth between 8 years of age and graduation from high school who are members in good standing of an equine youth organization, or an organization with a strong youth membership.
- \* The equine organization is a member in good standing with the Wisconsin Horse Council.
- \*Applicants under the age of 18 must have a parental signature included with the Wisconsin Horse Council Youth Membership Application.
- \* This annual membership will run concurrent with the student's school year and will remain viable as long as the applicant is in good standing with the equine organization.
- \* Youth members will be non-voting members of the WHC District they reside in, and they will be eligible for e-newsletters.

This program is still in the development stages. We are planning on three educational training courses per year via Zoom, and attendees will be eligible for prize drawings.

As we move towards in-person clinics and training throughout the state, the Wisconsin Horse Council is asking for suggestions of what kind of clinics and presentations youth members would be interested in. Please check with your group leader and send suggestions or presentations to <a href="mailto:info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org">info@wisconsinhorsecouncil.org</a>.

As this program develops, our vision is to provide opportunities to explore the world of horses and horse related professions and businesses.

Please scan the QR Code below and go to the "Membership" tab for more information and the application. We look forward to hearing from you!





# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\*Free Youth Memberships run concurrent with the school year\*

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# Midwest Horse Fair® APRIL 19, 20 & 21 - 2024

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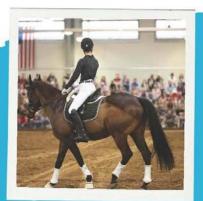
# Plan Your Trip & Download the Schedule!

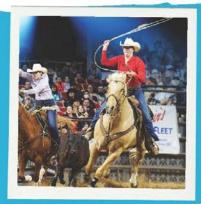
MidwestHorseFair.com is your one stop shop for planning your weekend at the great Midwest Horse Fair.

Hotel Information, directions to the grounds and parking information

Schedule, grounds maps, participant listings and locations

Get ready to have a fun-filled "Horse Play" weekend and map our your plans today!







# **Get Your Program!**

Starting week of March 25th, the Official Midwest Horse Fair Souvenir Progam will be available for pick up at any Blain's Farm and Fleet location throughout the Midwest!

Programs will also be distributed for FREE at the Midwest Horse Fair April 19, 20 & 21 - 2024!

The program is your complete guide to the event, containing useful information such as the schedule of events, exhibitor listings, maps and more!









Visit Facebook, Instagram & YouTube for announcements, pictures & videos



# Midwest Horse Fair® APRIL 19, 20 & 21 - 2024

Alliant Energy Center

Madison, WI

# **Thrilling Competitions!**

Make plans to catch the excitement at Midwest Horse Fair with action packed competitions! We are proud to once again host the largest attended PRCA Rodeo in Wisconsin on Friday and Saturday evenings. World Championship Blacksmiths are back to show off their skills forging horseshoes quickly from a stock piece of steel to the judge's specifications throughout the weekend. Sunday, the Top Hand Challenge is back where 5 women and 5 men finalists will compete for the prestigious title of Midwest Horse Fair's Top Hand.







# Join Our Team!

Whatever your area of interest or expertise, we need you!

We're always looking for volunteers to help us deliver a wonderful 2024 Midwest Horse Fair.

As a volunteer, you meet friends, have fun and earn free Fair admission. Plus, on the first day of the Fair all volunteers are entered in a random drawing to win prices.

Find the Midwest Horse Fair Volunteer Application at www.MidwestHorseFair.com under "Partnerships"









Visit Facebook, Instagram & YouTube for announcements, pictures & videos



# WHC CERTIFIED JUDGES SEMINAR 2024 SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION FORM

# SATURDAY, April 6, 2024

8:00-8:30 Registration - Holiday Inn, 1001 Amber Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54482

8:30-10:30 Classroom: Holiday Inn Stevens Point, Clinician Lita Perrin will speak on

"Halter & Western Pleasure"

10:30-10:45 Morning Break

10:45-11:30 Classroom Session Continues

11:30-1:00 Lunch Break at Holiday Inn Stevens Point

1:00-3:30 Heartland Equestrian Center, 7510

Deer Road, Custer, WI 54423 Clinician, Lita Perrin will work with Live demos - **PLEASE dress for the** 

weather at this facility!

3:30-4:00 Live Judging

4:00 Written tests handed out

# THIS IS A ONE DAY SEMINAR!

Take home written test will be available after the live judging has been completed. No tests will be mailed; only Judge/Candidate attendees who are present for the entire seminar will receive the test.

Test must be completed and returned to WHC office postmarked no later than **April 22, 2024.** We recommend that you return the test by certified mail

#### Seminar Facilities

#### **Classroom Sessions**

Holiday Inn Stevens Point 1001 Amber Avenue Stevens Point, WI 54482 (715) 344-0200

## **Live Demos & Judging**

Heartland Equestrian Center 7510 Deer Road Custer, WI 54423 (715) 323-3666

#### **Accommodations**

**Holiday Inn Stevens Point** - (715) 344-0200 **Fairfield Inn & Suites** - (715) 342-9300 **Econo Lodge Inn & Suites** - (715) 341-5110

**Holiday Inn Express Suites** - (715) 344-0000 **La Quinta Inn & Suites** - (715) 344-1900 **Cobblestone Hotel & Suites** - (715) 343-0522

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# 43RD ANNUAL Villa Louis COUVINGE CLASSIC Projetio du Chien Wisconsin Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin



"The Midwest's Most Elegant Competitive Driving Event on the Lawn of the Villa Louis Historic Site"

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6-8, 2024 8 am - 4 pm







www.CarriageClassic.com -or- www.VillaLouis.org Tourist Info: PDC Tourism Council: www.prairieduchien.org • 800-732-1673





# DODGE COUNTY HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Show dates for DCHA - all held at the Boots and Saddles arena in Beaver Dam.

All are 2024 DCHA Buckle Chase Qualifying shows.

Pleasure Show: July 28th

Speed Show: June 22nd

**Speed Show: September 21st** 

Follow us on Facebook, "Dodge County Horsemen's Association" for more information, meeting dates and other fun events. We welcome all disciplines, ages and

equine enthusiasts.

Watch on Facebook for show updates and a complete list of shows included in the Buckle Chase (final list on May 1st). All rules and forms are posted on Facebook.

Please contact any of our officers or committee members for questions or suggestions.



Join us as we celebrate

# The Tennessee Walking Horse

# **Our Values**

- Open communication and teamwork
- Promoting the health and quality of the TWH
- Participation of members to grow in owning, riding, and training their TWH
  - New members, diversity, education, and new ideas

**May 11th** -The Spring Warm Up at Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer WI

June 1 & 2 - Memorial Showcase at Walworth County Fair Grounds , Elkhorn WI

**September 7th** - Fox Valley Versatility Show at Hickory Hill Farm, Larson WI

**September 20-22 -** Fall Trail Ride and Cook Out – Govenor Dodge State Park, Dodgeville WI

# WHAT WE DO

Shows | Trail Rides
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and so much more!

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# **Jefferson County Draft Horse Association**

By Jackie Schuster, JCDHA Secretary

The 2024 year kicks off with new officers for the Jefferson County Draft Horse Association. Our new officers are President - Carrie Fischer, Vice-President - Jason Yohn,

Treasurer - Tammy Winkelman and Secretary - Jackie Schuster. Jason Yohn is also our representative to the Wisconsin Horse Council with Carrie Fischer as our alternate.

We will be going down to Old World Wisconsin again on May 4-5, and September 7-8, for plowing. We don't know if the Omnibus will be running yet, but we will know more details as we get closer to spring. We are also having a club "plow day" at one of our member's farms in April. We will hopefully be hosting a brat fry fundraiser at the Brat Haus in Watertown sometime this summer as well.

Don't forget to put these fair dates on your calendar as well, so that you can see the draft horses in action. We hope to see you this summer!

- **♦** Jefferson County Fair July 12-13
- Washington County Fair July 26-27
- ♦ Wisconsin State Fair August 1-11
- ♦ Walworth County Fair August 30-31











# **Dodge County Horsemen's Association**

# By Bonnie Shepherd



The Dodge County Horsemen's Association (DCHA) wrapped up a great year at our banquet in January. Thanks to all that participated in the Buckle Chase, you did a great job! It was so much fun to watch...especially the kids encouraging each other to do more and have more fun. We had a record year for Buckle Chase points collected. The more you do, the more DCHA will do. We will be expanding the awards for more participation and fun in 2024. There were some great member awards too. Congratulations to all those winners and thank you

for supporting DCHA and helping make this a great club!

All the excitement and fun of 2023 has encouraged DCHA to offer more. We will again have two speed/ fun shows and a pleasure show. New for 2024, we are going to have a "Dust It Off" Clinic on April 28, for those that want to brush up on the horse show skills. Still in the works is a speed clinic "Kick Off the Dust".

A big THANK YOU to the Wisconsin Horse Council for their support through the Bonus Bucks Program. We couldn't do all these things without working together.

Follow us on the Dodge County Horsemen's

Facebook page for important dates on meetings, shows, clinics and other fun events. DCHA is open to all, and we will work with anyone to build a better equine community.







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# 2024 WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL Ride Wisconsin - Trail Riding/Driving Award Program Application Form

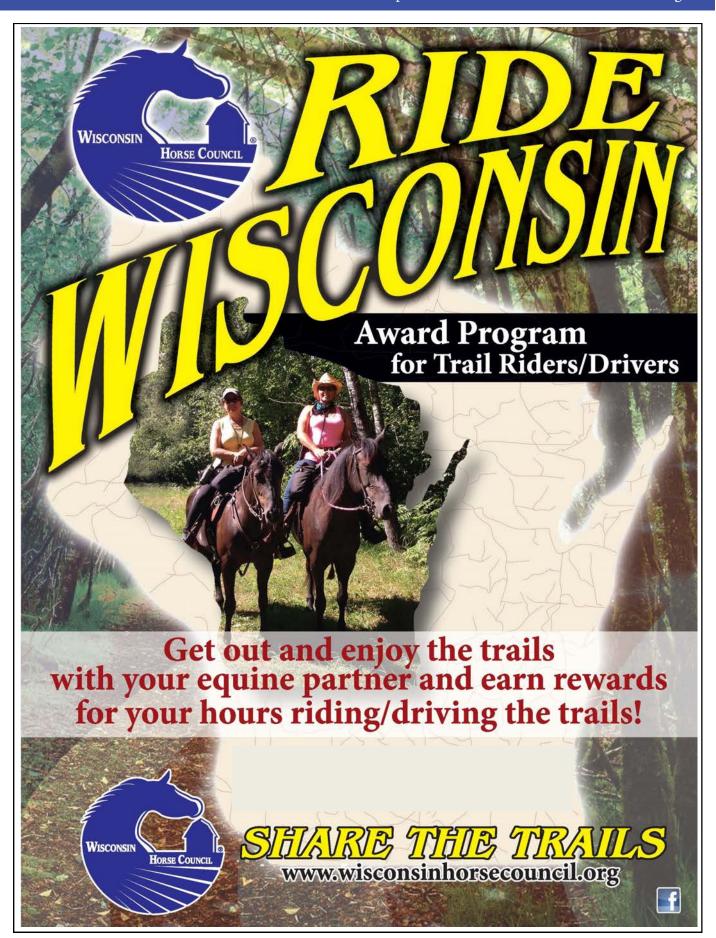
To participate in the Trail Riding/Driving Award program, please complete this application. Forward the completed application and all applicable fees to the address shown at the bottom of this application form. We invite you to join and have fun with your horse.

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Annual WHC Family Membership fee \$30	\$
If you'd like a copy of the newsletter printed \$20	\$
Total Payment Enclosed. Make checks payable to WHC:	\$
Questions/Comments: Jill Feller, Program Coordinator – 920-948-9502 – <u>Jfeller</u>	5732@outlook.com

## WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL

Ride Wisconsin – Trail Riding/Driving Award Program 121 S. Ludington Street P.O. Box 72 Columbus, WI 53925

Voice: 920-623-0393





# **WHC Calendar of Upcoming Events**



# March 2024

March 2 Rock County Tack Swap, 9937 Cty. Rd. A, Janesville, WI, 9am-1pm, \$2 at the door,

check vendor table availability with Kricket at <a href="mailto:kricketj@gmail.com">kricketj@gmail.com</a>

March 2 Winnebago County 4-H Horse & Pony Tack/Craft Sale, SunnyView Expo Center

(Fairgrounds), 500 East Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI, 9am-2pm, \$1 admission, hat shaper and

cleaner on site, food, raffles, consignment area, commercial & private vendor area,

Contact Jon Richey 920-277-3709, Winnebago4HTackSale@gmail.com

March 23 Advanced Trail Clinic with Billy Yoder Horsemanship, Twin Oaks Performance Arena,

W4428 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI, 54446, 9 am - 4 pm, Contact Sabine Hartmann

715-937-1917, Check on Facebook Twin Oaks Performance Arena events

March 23 Wood County Horse & Pony Project Annual Tack Swap, Central WI State Fair Grounds,

513 E. 13th St., Marshfield, WI, 9 am - 2 pm, Bucket raffle, bake sale, food stand,

Contact Katlyn 715-383-2018, find the event on Facebook for up-to-date info

March 27 WHC ANNUAL MEETING, 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925

# **April 2024**

April 6 WHC Certified Judge Seminar, Heartland Equestrian Center, Custer, WI

April 19-21 Midwest Horse Fair, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

April 27 Youth Equitation Clinic with Jennifer Bull, Twin Oaks Performance Arena,

W4428 Rock Creek Rd., Loyal, WI, 54446, Contact Sabine Hartmann 715-937-1917,

**Check on Facebook Twin Oaks Performance Arena events** 

April 28 DCHA/WHC D3 "Dust It Off Clinic" Showmanship, Horsemanship, and Trail, Sackett

Ranch, Burnett, WI, Contact Diane Sackett 920-689-2625

# May 2024

May 5

May 4 Aubrey Anton Clinic, Fond du Lac County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du

Lac, WI 54935, Contact 920-979-7752

May 5 Fuzzy Wuzzy Open Show, Fond du Lac County 4-H Horse & Pony Project, Fond du Lac

County Fairgrounds, 520 Fond du Lac Ave, Fond du Lac, WI 54935, 8:30 am, Show Clothes Optional, DCHA Buckle Chase Approved Show, Contact Tessa Birschbach or Julie Grossman, FDLhorseproject@gmail.com or our Facebook page, 920-979-7752

West 20 Open Pleasure Horse Show Series, 1 of 5, West 20 Ranch and Saddle Co,

W4812 State Road 20, East Troy, WI 53120, Contact 262-642-4272

May 11 Lazycreek Farm 2024 Pleasure & Speed Show, W5358 Old Sixty Road, Juneau, WI,

10 am, Contact 920-386-8058

May 11-12 Wisconsin Foundation Quarter Horse Association Horse Show, Jackson Co. Fair Park,

Black River Falls, WI on Hwy 54, 8 a.m., Contact Katya Koperski,

WIFQHAshow@gmail.com, www.wifqha.org, or on Facebook at Wisconsin Foundation

**Quarter Horse Association** 

May 18 WHC District 5 Obstacles Clinic by Clinician Billy Yoder, Walnut Acres Farm, 26884

Cty. Rd. ET, Tomah, WI, Contact Pat Jenkins at 608-633-0273

May 22 WHC BOD Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m., 121 S. Ludington St., Columbus, WI 53925

May 26 51st Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open All Speed Show, Beaver Creek Saddle & Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 am, Contact Lisa Caswell

920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com

May 27 54th Annual Memorial Day Weekend Open Pleasure Show, Beaver Creek Saddle &

Bridle Club, W3194 Cty Rd A South, Oostburg, WI 53070, 8 am, Contact Lisa Caswell

920-889-7251 or Beckie Wendorf 920-564-0345, www.beavercreekwis.com

\*\*\* Also check WI Pleasure Horse Shows on Facebook! \*\*\*



# WISCONSIN HORSE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\*All Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st\*

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0	Individual Lifetime Membership (one-time and the 1st year of liability insurance)			\$2	250
	Annual fee on Lifetime Membership for \$			\$	20
	Printed Newsletter mailed to the address	above		\$	20
	Free E-newsletter sent to the e-mail liste	d above		\$	0

#### Description:

Level I membership class is available to any individual/family whose interests are similar to those of the Council and is for individuals/families only. Level I and Level II members elect Directors to the WHC Board to represent their District. Family membership is for a family of 2 or more living at the same residence and has 1 vote in the elections and business of their District. Membership must be current to vote at District meetings.

- Programs such as the Certified Judges and Ride Wisconsin require a Level I membership even if you are a Director or a
  contact person for a Level II or III organization, you will need to be a Level I member yourself to participate in programs.
- · Youth (17 & under) are free with a paid Level I adult membership.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP is an individual Level I membership with a one-time fee, giving the individual a paid-up membership for his/her lifetime. If LIFETIME MEMBERS wish to retain the \$1 Million personal liability insurance after their first year, they must purchase it on an annual basis. The printed newsletter is included with this membership annually at no additional cost.

Wisconsin Horse Council does not sell or distribute our membership list. Information is kept private for use only by our organization for WHC business.

Membership dues, payments and gifts to Wisconsin Horse Council are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Such payments may be deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as ordinary and necessary business expenses.

Return application and payment to:

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# Funding

Since 1979, WHC has owned and produced one of the largest and most successful horse fairs in the nation, the Midwest Horse Fair. Funds generated from the fair as well as from membership and donations support WHC operations and efforts.



# How To Get Involved

- Become a WHC Member
- Become a WHC Director
- Join a WHC Committee Trails, Public Relations, Member Services, Scholarship, Sponsorship/Grants, Legislative, etc.
- Volunteer at Midwest Horse Fair



Above all, the WHC strives to reach more people, especially youth, interested in the equine industry to ensure its continued growth.





The Wisconsin State Horse Council Equine Foundation (WSHCEF) was created to better serve Wisconsin's growing equestrian community and to help that community realize its fullest potential. Our mission is to support equine priorities identified and supported by Wisconsin equine owners and organizations.

The WSHCEF is a tax exempt, non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization, and as such allows individuals to make tax deductible contributions to support Wisconsin equine projects.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to the WSHCEF. Thank you!

Donations can be made payable and sent to:

WSHCEF P.O. Box 72 Columbus, WI 53925

# WSHCEF Board Members, Officers & Volunteer Team Members

President: James Harris
Vice President & MHF Rep.: Gail Seasor
Secretary: Diane Sackett
Treasurer: Nancy Young
Board Members: Lori Helmer,
Katie Bachhuber & Jan Pieper
WHC Executive Board Rep.: Floyd Finney

# Volunteer Team

Margo Miller, Karen Meekma,
Wayne Osterhaus
Rich & Linda Ernsberger, Sharon Hookstead
Dave Kluge & Roxanne Cromheecke Kluge

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# The WHC's Mission & Vision Statements

- To represent, protect and foster a unified equine industry in Wisconsin through leadership, education, service and communication.
- To take a pro-active role in the future growth and development of the equine industry.

# Organizational Overview

WHC is a non-profit organization representing horse owners and enthusiasts, and the equine industry in Wisconsin. We promote the horse through leadership and education. Our role is to support, serve and protect our equine industry in Wisconsin. We are an open organization and welcome all who are interested in horses, whether horse owners or not.

# What We Do

Leadership – We are the only organization that is here for the horse and the people who own them or simply love them. We are not a breed organization, a saddle club, or a riding discipline; we exist solely for the welfare of the horse and the betterment of the equine industry as a whole.

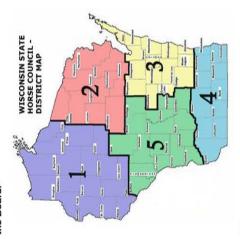
Legislation – we play an active role in legislative matters affecting both the state and national equine industry; we strengthen our aglivestock partner relationships by participating in Ag Day at the State Capitol.

Education – our districts often conduct seminars and clinics for horse owners. The WHC Trail committee offers an annual four-day Trail Design School on designing and building sustainable multi use trails.



# Districts

The WHC is comprised of five geographical districts, each of which has its own set of member-elected officers and up to two member-elected representatives that it sends to the Roard



# Programs

The WHC encourages equine events, sporting activities, youth activities and equine programs that help build membership. These include:

The WHC has given out more than \$885,400.00 through its programs since 1995! Please visit the WHC website for a complete breakdown.

Scholarships – we provide financial help to students who are connected to the equine industry.



Sponsorships & Grants – we support therapeutic riding organizations, trail safety and enhancement for recreational riding, riding clubs, equine charity events, mounted search and rescue, emergency response and more.

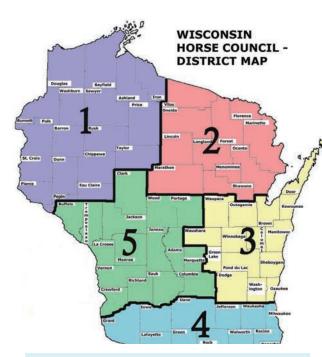
<u>Trails</u> – WHC partners with local horse clubs to assist with the development and improvement of Wisconsin's public equestrian trails, shared use trails and campgrounds. We award grants for campgrounds, new trail development, as well as trail improvements, enhancements, and repairs. We have representation on Wisconsin governmental trail councils whenever possible.

Annual Awards – we encourage and recognize people who have invested their time and money in growing and developing the equine industry through mentoring young horse enthusiasts, initiating new programs, offering leadership, and promoting responsible use of horses. Annual Awards include Horseperson of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, Special Achievement, Equine of the Year, Show Judge of the Year and the WHC Director of the Year.



Certified Show Judging – we improve the level of open show judging through educational seminars and certification.





# WHC District 1:

Contact - Paulette Adair 715-554-2904 cca2lucky@gmail.com

# WHC District 2:

Contact - Shaughn Novy 715-610-1065 slnovy20@gmail.com

# WHC District 3:

Contact - Lee Sackett 920-210-3848 lee@sackettranch.com

# WHC District 4:

Contact - Tara LeRoy 262-613-8920 2fatponies@gmail.com

# WHC District 5:

Contact - Pat Jenkins 608-633-0273 pjenkinsqh@centurytel.net District 1 includes the counties of: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Iron, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, St. Croix, Taylor and Washburn

District 2 includes the counties of: Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas

District3includes the counties of: Brown, Calumet, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago

District 4 includes the counties of: Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth, and Waukesha

District 5 includes the counties of: Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marquette, Monroe, Portage, Richland, Sauk, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood

# **CounciLetter Deadline**

The deadline for articles, upcoming events and advertisements for the WHC CounciLetter is:

# May / June Issue: April 15th at noon

Articles must be equine related, may not be for commercial benefit and must be sent to us in a timely fashion. The Editor reserves the right to revise or refuse articles.

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# **Important Dates to Remember**



March 10 Daylight Savings Begins

March 17 St. Patrick's Day March 20 First Day of Spring

March 27 WHC ANNUAL MEETING - Columbus, WI

March 29 Good Friday March 31 Easter Sunday

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